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DADEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, DADEVILLE, ALA.,

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Sept. 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1887.

OFFICERS:

Elder JNO. P. SHAFFER, MODERATOR..... Roanoke, Ala.
Elder W. C. BLEDSOE, CLERK and TREASURER.....LaFayette, Ala.

The next session will be held with Rock Spring Church, Chambers, Co., Ala., beginning on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in September. 1888. Introductory Sermon by Elder F. H. Moss.

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DADEVILLE ALA., September 21st, 1887.

1. On Wednesday, September 21st, 1887, the East Liberty Baptist Association assembled in Fifty Second Annual Session, with the Dadeville Baptist Church, at Dadeville, Talladoosa County, Alabama.

2. At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. A. S. Smith from the text: "*I Know whom I have believed.*"—2 Tim. 1–12.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

3. The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock, P. M., by the Moderator, Eld. J. P. Shaffer; Eld. W. C. Bledsoe acted as Secretary.

4. The hymn beginning—"Come gracious Spirit heavenly dove," was sung; prayer was offered by Eld. F. H. Moss.

5. The letters from the churches were read by N. D. Denson and F. M. Handley.

6. DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Beulah—F Yarbrough, A C Bennett, Hugh Wallace, G W Hunt, P H McGintzy.

Bethel-(Chambers,)—T N Jones, R Wheeler.

Bethlehem—H C Hudson, B T Smith.

Cussetta—J B Barrow, G W Shealey, J A Williams.

Providence—C A Shealey, R I Howell, J L B Barrow.

New Hope—W F Fuller, M V Maley, John Tison, J M Veazy, J P Barrow.

Hickory Feat—M P Stoker.

Roanoake—G W Hill, H M Mickle, I G Hill, J A Holder.

SECOND DISTRICT.—

Milltown—J M Rotton, G J Sorrells, J G Leverett, W N Harris, N R Sorrells.

Lystra—J R McClain, R A Bonds.

Liberty—F M Handley.

Shiloh—J R Carroll, J M Henderson.

Lebanon—W A Perselle, J L Gregory, D C Holly.

Mt. Zion—H F Smith.

THIRD DISTRICT.

LaFayette—N D Denson, J D Norman.

Antioch—T J Gilliland, C H Gilliland, J T Hood, J T Brooks, Charles Loveless.

Rock Spring—W W Still, G W Newman, W Webb, J F Davis, Jno. S Turner.

County Line—I T Talbot, I T Morgan, J M Langley, W G Jarrell, J C Talbot.

Mt. Pleasant—J P Seroyer, W R Dawson, W E Shearley, B H Walker.
Farmville—J A Shelton, R N Botsford, J R Evans.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Dadeville—W C McIntosh, W D Bulger, R T Parker, W H Payne.
Camp Hill—J H Mayne, B F Fargason.
Tallapoosa—J M Berry, H W Craddock, A M McIntosh, J A Upshaw.
Eagle Creek—S Tapley, A C Duffee, W J Bowen, M T McElvey.
Sandy Creek—J T Fargason, T D Limsford, Thos. Handley, A E Brazill.
Pleasant Ridge—O P Sanford, R H Browning, John Allen, H M Wilson, Sr. W C Roeck.
Bethel, (Lee)—W R Rogers, J T Robinson, J J Pinnell.
Fellowship—W R W Key, J W Dabbs, E Sanders, W T Key.

7. Elder Jonn P. Shaffer, Roanoke, Ala., was elected Moderator; Elder W. C. Bledsoe, LaFayette, Ala., was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

8. An order of business was presented by the Secretary and was adopted.

9. The Moderator asked Correspondents and visiting brethren to report their names, and the Secretary enrolled the following:

From the Carey Association—Elder J. J. Motley, W. J. L. Hood.

From the Tallapoosa River—R. H. Rogers.

From the Tuskegee—Elders Z. D. Roby, E. F. Baber, F. T. Hudson, A. N. Adams.

From the Central—Elders R. A. J. Cumbee, W. J. D. Upshaw, James Walker.

From the Bowen East, (negro)—Elders H. Garlington, J. H. Garlington, L. J. Johnson.

10. S. W. Averett, L.L.D., President of the Judson Female Institute; Prof. B. F. Giles, of Howard College; Rev. C. W. Hare, of the Alabama Baptist; Elder W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, were invited to seats with the body.

11. The Moderator announced the following committees to report at the present session:

12. On Finance—F. M. Handley, Chairman; W. R. Dawson, W. G. Jarrell.

13. On Religious Services—J. B. Barrow, Chairman; W.

F. Fuller, J. T. Hood, and the delegates from Dadeville Church.

14. To Write Corresponding Letter—Eld. J. A. McCarley.

15. To Nominate Executive Committee and Preacher of Introductory Sermon at next session—N. D. Denson, Chairman; I. G. Hill, M. V. Maley, I. T. Morgan, B. H. Walker

16. The Association gave Elder W. C. Bledsoe permission to call the attention of the body to the fact that not enough copies of "The History of the East Liberty Association" had been sold to defray expenses. One hundred copies were subscribed for. (I beg brethren and churches who made there subscriptions to aid me at once, by forwarding the money and securing the books.—W. C. B.)

17. Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

18. Prayer by Eld. E. F. Baber.

19. Announcements.

20. Benediction by Eld. T. B. Fargason.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

21. The Association was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

22. The hymn beginning—"All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung, after which Elder F. T. Hudson led in prayer.

23. On Motion, the order of business was amended so that the reports on Home and Foroign Missions should be read, as well as the reports on State Missions, and on Bible Colportage Work, so that all these reports might come under the evening discussions.

24. Elder J. F. Bledsoe, Chairman, read

THE REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Committee on State Missions feel that they can do nothing better than to call your attention to some of the prominent matters presented in the last annual report of the State Mission Board.

OUR PRESENT NEEDS.

Although our state work has been attended by a reasonable degree of success, yet there are about half of the churches which are absolutely doing

nothing in mission work. In every part of the state, especially on the new lines of the rail-roads, there are many growing towns, which, if left to themselves, will be brought under influences most detrimental to themselves and others. Every one of these places should be occupied at once, In order to develop our churches and to occupy the places mentioned, which otherwise will be lost to us, the State Board asks the churches to raise $15000.00. Can we not, and will we not do our part in raising this amount?

THE ENVELOP PLAN.

No enterprise can be successful without systematic work. Your committee can testify from personal observation, that the envelop plan recommended by the State Board, has materially increased the contributions of the churches wherever it has been faithfully tried. We hope it will be adopted by all our churches with equally beneficial results. All our enterprises are intimately connected with this. It is patent to all that ministerial support, Home and Foreign Missions advance or retrograde together. Those who do not support their ministers do not give for Home Missions, and those recreant to these interests do not support Foreign Missions. Our contributions to all objects might be doubled if the 700 churches in Alabama, now doing nothing, could be brought into hearty sympathy with our state organization.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

The following summary of work from the report of the State Board will show what has been done during the past conventional year:

Numbers of Missionaries employed for all or a part of their time	47
Number of Colporters employed	9
Total number	56
Number now employed	27
Days of service	7799
Miles traveled	5 367
Sermons delivered	2 595
Addresses made	336
Churches constituted	8
Number baptized	590
Baptized in connection with labor of others	483
Sunday schools organized	93
Ladies Missionary Societies organized	10
Prayer meetings organized	50
Prayer meetings held	560
Number of preaching stations	82
Number of visits to churches	428
Number of visits to families	5 134
Number of subscribers to Alabama Baptist	104
Number of subscribers to Foreign Mission Journal	193
Value of Bibles and Testaments donated	$100 00
Value of books sold	$857 27
Value of books donated	$131 47

We earnestly recommend our churches to send their contributions for all objects, through the Secretary of the State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J F Bledsoe, Chairman.

25. Eld. J A McCarley read—

THE REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK

It is the opinion of your committee that there is no work of more importanace than the work now under consideration. The Bible is the word of God and is our only rule of faith and practice, and we should do all in our power to place it in every family within our bounds. We feel indebted to the American Baptist Publication Society for its liberality, and we believe we should aid it in the great work in which it is engaged.

Colportage work as prosecuted by the State Board is certainly accomplishing great good. This is especially so in our own bounds where we have the efficient labors of Eld. J F Bledsoe. We think he is the right man in the right place. The following is a summary of his work:

Number of books sold	356
Valued at	$399 00
Miles traveled	1 795
Families visited	245
Sermons delivered	42
Addresses made	15
Days of service	159
Bibles donated	6
Testaments donated	34
Pages of tracts distributed	884
Sunday schools organized	2

Respectfully submitted.

J A McCarley, Chairman.

26. N. D. Denson, read—

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

A report on Home Missions necessarily involves the Home Board having this work in charge. In making this report we are cognizant of the opposition which exist against this one of the Conventions instrumentalities for carrying the "Glad tidings" to dying men and women. The Home Board has accomplished much good in the past, and no one will question that it is still doing a grand work for the Master, and while there are those who think the work the Board does could be accomplished by other instrumentalities, to-wit: The State Mission Boards, we question the wisdom of opposition to the Board being expressed and urged in our Associational meetings, our idea being that it has been established by the concentrated wisdom of Southern Baptists, and so long as it remains one of the instrumentalities of the Southern Baptists, Convention, we should give it aid and comfort, and carry our opposition to it before the Convention, the author of its existence.

The Home Board now has two hundred and fifty-one missionaries in the field, distributed as follows viz: Alabama has 11; Arkansas 21; Cuba 9; District of Columbia 1, Florida 38; Indian Territory 18; Georgia 5; Kentucky 1; Louisiana 15; Missouri 3; Texas 124, and Virginia 1. During the last Conventional year there were delivered by these missionaries 24,490 sermons and addresses, there were held 3110 prayer meetings; there were received by baptism 3923; received by letter 2319; there were reported 318 Sunday Schools, having a total of teachers and pupils 13,031; there were constituted by the Home Mission Board 119 churches, and 62 houses of worship were built at a cost of $60,000. This is a grand result. Perhaps the most wonderful results obtained by the Board are in Cuba—this mission was assigned to the Home Board by the Convention at Montgom-

ery in 1886. However, in January, 1886 a church was constituted in Havana, that church now numbers over 300 members, they have four Sunday Schools with 400 pupils and two day schools numbering over 150 pupils. We are all aware of the facts that Brother Albert J. Diaz, who was ordained to the work of the ministry, at the request of the Baptist church in Key West (of which he was a member) in December 1885, has consecrated himself to the Cuban Mission, and is doing a glorious work in his native country for the Master. When we reflect upon the results obtained for the glory of God by our past contributions for missionary work, we feel a fresh zeal taking possession of our soul, and who hope the Liberty Association will receive a new impetus in giving of its means to send the Word to those who are benighted and know not of Jesus. God has been merciful to us and has smiled upon us, and we should show our appreciation by endeavoring to place the means of grace before the whole world.

Respectfully submitted,

N. D. DENSON, Chairman.

27. Elder G. E. Brewer, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, was not able to be present on account of illness, and the report was read by the Secretary:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The nineteenth century is nearly ended, but progress has not ceased. There is a pushing outward and onward in all departments of human activity. Mission work is no exception. The inquiry is made by some, if there is to be no end to mission contribution. No! Not until darkness gives way to light, vice gives way to virtue, falsehood to truth, and death to life. The contest must go on until He comes whose right it is to reign. It must be maintained earnestly, vigorously by those who are His followers until He shall say, "it is enough, come up higher."

The past year has been characterized by advances on former ones in increased contributions, increased number of workers, and increased results.

The Foreign Board of the S. B. C. received for the year $87,830.53, a larger amount than in any former period. With these funds our Board has maintained the following missions and results up to the meeting of the Convention in May.

IN BRAZIL.

Missionaries 17; churches and stations 21; baptisms 100; candidates for baptism 150; members 350; pupils 100; contributions $823.

IN MEXICO.

Missionaries 17; churches and stations 21; baptisms 100; candidates for baptism 150; members 350; pupils 100; contributions $823.

IN ITALY.

Missionaries 15; churches and stations 14; members 306, baptisms 26, Contributions not reported.

IN AFRICA.

Missionaries 16; baptisms 26; members 138; schools 5; teachers 6; pupils 284; churches and chapels 5.

IN CHINA.

Missionaries 54; churches and stations 24; baptisms 46; members 677;

schools 18 ; pupils 203 ; contributions $699.61. A native deacon has built a chapel costing $1.000.00 at his own expense. During this year, by imperial edict this populous empire has been thrown fully open to missions, and missionary work encouraged.

To sum up, there were 116 missionaries ; 228 baptisms ; 1,551 members ; 65 churches and stations ; 25 schools, and 587 pupils ; contributions $3,-012 61. This is more than double the proportion of increase as compared with our own association, and four fold the ratio of contributions of this the most liberal association of Alabama.

In Cuba.

Which, though under the Home Board, is really foreign work, the results have been wonderful. The first church in Havana, constituted January a year ago, had a membership of 301. Two other churches also have been constituted, number of members unknown. The first quarter of this year 168 were baptized. The last quarter there were 25 baptisms, and 15 others are reported for this, though the number may be larger, as full reports have not come in. There are four Sunday Schools with 400 pupils, and two day schools with 150 pupils.

Since the reports to the convention, there have been ten or more baptisms in our Chinese missions, and 210 by the Inland missions. It is said that during the past year 26,000 Chinese have professed christianity. In Italy 13 baptisms have been reported. In Brazil 22, seven of them at Bahia, making 100 in the past four years since the first one was baptised. An average of $8,00 per member have been contributed by them during the year for church work. During the month of July alone Brother Powell, of Mexico, baptised 81 ; and reports quite recently an additionally favorable opportunity for the introduction of a pure christianity, owing to the Romish priesthood having overreached themselves in attempting to stay the onward tide of anti-Romanism.

Our brethren of the Missionary Union report in European missions 950 preachers ; 641 churches ; 65,422 members ; 6,052 baptisms during the past year. In their missions among the heathen they have 248 missionaries ; 1,730 native preachers ; 1,265 churches ; 123,530 members 9,342 baptisms during the year. For this work they raised $406,639.30.

The mission among the Africans on the Congo so recently inaugurated has met not with a success unequaled by anything in modern missions except the wonderful work among the Telegoos of India.

Roman, Greek, Mohammedan, and Pagan countries present a favorable condition for the introduction of a pure christianity never before manifested. The feeble efforts to furnished it are meeting with a success truly inspiring to those who are attempting to heed the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature."

Before closing the report, allow us to briefly consider the obligations resting upon us in reference to the work. That the obligation to give the gospel, rests upon those who have it is self evident. That it rests most strongly on those who understand and have felt its benefits most, is likewise true. In view of this, it must be evident to the student of current events that the world is as largely, if not more largely, dependent upon the Anglo-saxon race for the progress of mission work, by which the nations are to christianized, as they are for progress in civil, liberty and commercial enterprise, The English speaking people dominate one third of the earth's surface, and influences largely the remainder.

This people advanced from six to twenty millions in number during the past century, and from twenty to one hundred millions up to 1880 of this century. This seems almost miraculous. Another fact which increases

the wonder is, that the two wealthiest nations of the earth, Great Britian and the United States are of this people, and possess about one fourth of the active wealth of the world. Why has God given them the Bible conception of civil and religious liberty, a pure christianity, a controlling influence in the worlds affairs, and the surplusage of wealth but that they should use it for his glory ?

Let us narrow the view of possibilities, still keeping in view the scope of the work. The United States embrace more than one-half of the English speaking people, more than half the wealth ; more than half the Baptist of the world, more than half the number of Sunday School scholars in the world. The wealth in 1880 was nearly $44,000,000,000, increased to the present time to more than $55,000,000,000. Why has God made the youngest of the nations the most powerful, the most wealthy, the most unlimited in resources, bounded only by the worlds needs, and caused the blood of all peoples to flow in the viens of her citizens unless He has designed her to be His principal agent in evangelizing the world ? Her population is doubling every twenty-five years and wealth doubling every fifteen or twenty years, and wealth and population pouring in in from among all people. Why is this, but to awaken a sense of neighborship on our part toward all, and that we, from our pure tree of civil and religious liberty, should pluck its precious fruit, and bearing it along with a soul saving gospel, carry it to the languishing, perishing peoples of earth ?

Brethren we should see to the supply of destitutions in our own land and to moulding the new comers among us for it is our duty and and we have the ability. But we should not educate our people to believe that this rises in importance above the duty to give the Word of light and life to those dwelling in darkness and death. The commission knows no such distinction. " Go ye into all the world " is the command without the limitation, "after you have supplied the people at home." The apostles, and first churches interpreted it without such limitations, for not waiting to first christianize Judea, while the first sweet notes of the gospel song echoed among Judea hills, it was borne by them, and sung across Asia's plains among her mountains, along her shores, swept across Europe, resounded amid the palaces of the Ceasers, and made music upon Afric's shore.

Our State Board in recommending work for the ensueing year to be undertaken by Alabama Baptists, recommend $17,250 to be spent in Alabama missions, $5,000 in the other Southern States, where nearly all are in reach of the gospel, and but $5,000 among all the 900,000,000 dwelling in darkest ignorance of our Christ and His salvation. Or in other words $222,150 must be spent for the relief of those whose worst condition is being in a shadow, 1,000,000 a large estimate for their number, and $5,000 for nearly 1,000,000,000 dwelling in deepest midnight darkness Is this right to this dying people ? Is it honoring to Christ, who redeemed us, to leave so many of our race ignorant of Him and His rich grace ?

Brethren, the responsibility is upon us, the occasion demands the forth putting of effort, the providence of God says the time is at hand, His favor has put the means at our command, and now the question is, will we as the children of God, and partakers of the heavenly calling respond ? I pray God that this the most liberal Association of Alabama will lead off in an example worthy of imitation, and thus stimulate our sister bodies and the State Convention to rise up to the majesty of the occasion, and recognize this, " the day of her visitation." If she does then when our works shall be reviewed by Him who is to judge, we shall hear the voice omnipotent saying in tones loud enough for earth and Heaven to hear, but mellowed by eternal love, " This is my beloved daughters in whom I am well pleased." But if not, then in voice tremulous with sadness and mingled with tears

these other words, "Oh ! that thou hadst known, even thou this the time of thy vtisitation, but now it is hidden from thine eyes.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. BREWER, Ch'm.
F. M. HANDLEY,
J. R. CARRELL,
B. J. VINES,
W. C. WYETT.

28. The Report on Bible and Colportage Work was discussed by Elders Z. D. Roby and J. F. Bledsoe.

29. The Report was adopted.

30. Secretary Crumpton made a good speech on Missions after which a collection was taken amounting to $15 15.

31. Pending further discussion, a motion was made and carried to adjourn to to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m.

32. Prayer by Elder W. J. D. Upshaw.

33. After singing a hymn, the benediction was pronounced by Elder J. F. Bledsoe.

THURSDAY MORNING.

34. The Association was called to order at 9 a. m.

35. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder E. F. Baber.

36. The Moderator announced that the Reports on Missions had not been adopted, whereupon a motion was made and carried to suspend the regular order until these reports were disposed of.

37. Elders Z. D. Roby and W. C. Bledsoe discussed the Report on State Missions, after which the pledges of the churches were taken for the ensuing year's work. (For list of pledges see last part of minutes.)

38. The Report on State Missions was adopted.

39. The Report on Home Missions was adopted.

40. The Report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

41. Elder W. C. Bledsoe, Chairman, read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is a source of sincere congratulation among the Baptists of Alabama that for the first time since the war they have their leading institution of

learning upon the firm basis of an assured endorsement. The removal of Howard College from Marion to Birmingham, in accordance with the liberal proposition made by the East Lake Land Company is certainly a wise movement, and we believe that the committee appointed by the last Alabama Baptist State Convention did well to accept the propositions referred to.

Your committee is of the opinion that now is the time to rally to the support of the Howard. Its future seems assured, and no doubt is felt as to its taking place among the first institutions of the South. Baptists should give it their support, being mindful that it is their college, and must, in a great measure, depends on them for its future success.

The Judson Institute under the management of Prof. Averett promises to be even more successful than ever before. Prof. Averett comes to our State bearing the highest testimonials as an educator, as well as a most accomplished Christian gentleman. The faculty he has gathered about him can not be excelled.

Your committee desire very earnestly to call attention to the existence of the Board of Ministerial Education created by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, of which Dr. Wharton, of Montgomery, is the President. This Board has done much to aid our young preachers in securing such educational advantages as are needed for the successful prosecution of this great work. The churches should make liberal contributions to this Board, and your committee begs the brethren to remember its demands.

W. C. BLEDSOE, Chairman.

42. The report was discussed by Prof. B. F. Giles, Dr. Z. D. Roby and Elder C. W. Hare.

43. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance beg leave to make the following report: This subject has engaged the minds of our people to a very great degree. We are glad to report that the idea of prohibition is fast gaining ground with the people, and that public sentiment has been moulded to a higher plain upon the subject of temperance, than at any time in the past, of which we are aware. There are but few places in the bounds of this association where liquor can be sold. May the day soon dawn, when the liquor traffic with its diabolical influence will be entirely crushed out. Brethren, it will dawn when the professed followers of Christ learn to "vote as they pray," and discharge their whole duty in this matter.

Political parties have failed, and will ever fail, to give us prohibition. It remains with the christian world to say whether or not they will be faithful to Christ in helping to rid our country of this worst of evils, and stand firmly and courageously for the right.

Oh! brethred, the responsibility is great! Let us be faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. SMITH, Ch'man.

45. The report was discussed by Elders R. A. J. Cumbee and W. C. Bledsoe.

46. Pending the discussion the Association adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

47. Prayer by Elder W. H. Bedell.

48. The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m.

49. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder W. A. Robertson.

50. The discussion of the Report on Temperance was continued by Elders W. J. D. Upshaw, C. S. Johnson and C. W. Hare.

51. The report was adopted.

52. On motion the regular order was suspended to allow Dr. Averett, President of the Judson Female Institute, to address the Association in the interests of that Institution.

53. The Chairman, Elder F. H. Moss, read

THE REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We believe that we have the truth, and that as Baptists we should endeavor to present the truth to the people. To do this, involves on our part the use of every agency that may aid us to accomplish this object. The Bible is the Book of God, and should be first of all presented as the book which contains all that the people of the earth need to know for their salvation. The increase of books has had a tendency to diminish Bible reading. We go to the books written by men to get our exposition of Bible teaching; whereas, the Bible read and studied by all men, and especially Christians, should be adopted under the Spirit. in the use of prayer for spiritual instruction. It does appear to me if all men would read the Scripture desiring to know the truth as therein taught, there would be less discrepancy in the views of men concerning its teachings. The Spirit, being the teacher of men, would teach to all men the same things. But as it is, we need all the helps we can get from the writings of good men to help us to understand the Bible. We would, therefore, recommend to all the books published by our denomination, presenting the doctrines and practices of the Baptists. We can not say too much in commendation of the Alabama Baptist, published in Montgomery and edited by Dr. Shackelford and Elder C. W. Hare. I can not see how any Baptist can get along without it. That paper laid upon the table of every Baptist family in the State of Alabama and read by them, would place every one far in advance of the knowledge they now have of the denomination. Without it we know but very little of what they are, and what they are doing. The Foreign Mission Journal ought to be read by every Baptist, so that he may know what is being done in foreign lands to enlighten the unenlightened, to civilize the uncivilized, and christianize the unchristianized, and save the unsaved. We would recommend the patronage of the works of the American Baptist Publication Society, her Sabbath school literature, etc. Nor would we forget to commend to the confidence and patronage of our brethren the literature published by Brother Boykin in Atlanta, for the use of Sabbath schools. Kind Words is a good paper, published in the interest of those engaged in Sabbath school exercises, whether teachers or pupils.

F. H. Moss, Chairman.

54. The report was discussed by Elders C. W. Hare, J. F. Bledsoe, Z. D. Roby and R. A. J. Cumbee.

55. The report was adopted.

56. The Chairman, N. D. Denson, read

THE REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

DADEVILLE, ALA., Sept. 22, 1887.

To the East Liberty Association:

BRETHREN:—We, your Committee on Nominations, ask to make the following report:

We nominate Elder F. H. Moss to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, and Elder C. J. Burden, alternate.

We nominate the following Brethren to compose the Executive Committee, viz: Brother W. D. Bulger, Chairman; Brothers W. H. Payne, W. C. McIntosh, J. H. Johnson, R. T. Parker, John T. Shaffer.

Respectfully submitted,
N. D. DENSON, Chairman.

57. On motion the report was amended by adding Elder J. P. Shaffer to the Executive Committee.

58. The report as amended was adopted.

59. On motion adjourned to 8:30 a. m.

60. Prayer by Dr. Averett.

(There was no session of the Association on Thursday night. The Roanoke church asked for the ordination of Brother J. W. Hamner, who was on the eve of his departure for the Seminary, and as a matter of convenience to the Presbytery, the service was held at Dadeville. The Presbytery consisted of Elders J. P. Shaffer, Z. D. Roby, J. F. Bledsoe, R. A. J. Cumbee and W. C. Bledsoe.)

FRIDAY MORNING.

61. The Association was called to order at 8:30, o'clock A. M.

62. Devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. Ora Dawson.

63. The Chairman, W. D. Bulger, read—

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A decade ago, according to the reports sent to the Association a majority of the churches in our bounds were without Sunday schools. Now almost every church has its Sunday school. These schools are yearly increasing in numbers and in efficiency. Our ablest and best men and women whose heads and hearts are enlisted in the work, esteem it an honor and high preferment to be at the head of the class. Many of the churches realizing the necessity and importance of disseminating God's work in family church and society, have placed their wisest and best qualified members as superintendents and teachers, and the Sunday school is rapidly becoming a mighty engine in disseminating religious knowledge and systematic benvolence,

they are cheerfully and powerfully doing their work in the fear of God. God is blessing the efforts by adding many of their pupils to the church. Missionary and other benvolent contributions are, through the Sunday schools, increasing year by year. While we have great cause for congratulation for the progress already made, we insist that the great work is still in its infancy, prayer, study and labor are more in demand than ever; the church must keep apace with the progress of the Sunday school work. Firmly believing that the Sunday school work is the work of the church we insist every member of the church ought to be a member of the Sunday school.

Our motto should be: "A Sunday school in every church and every member a pupil." The Sunday school should be regarded as much for the members of the church as for the children. All of the Lord's people in the Lord's house on every Lord's day studying the word; scriptures is the principle upon which the Sunday school should stand.

Respectfully submitted,
W D BULGER, Chairman.

64. The report was discussed by Eld. Z. D. Roby, Dr. Averett, Eld. J. P. Shaffer, I. T. Morgan, J. T. Hood, G. W. Newman, G. W. Hill, J. H. Johnson, W. R. Dawson, John Tison, Eld. C. S. Johnson.

65. The Report was adopted.

66. UNION MEETINGS

Were appointed as follows:

67. First District—At Roanoake: (Time of meeting not furnished the Secretary.)

68. Second District—With the Liberty church: (Time of meeting not furnished the Secretary.)

69. Third District—With the Antioch Church, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1888.

70. Fourth District—With the Sandy Creek Church, Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1888.

71. Correspondents to Sister Associations were appointed as follows:

72. To Tuskegee—To meet Chubahatchie Church, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1887, Elds. C. S. Johnson, W. C. Bledsoe, F. H. Moss, W. R. Dawson, W. E. Shealey.

83. To Carey—To meet with the Ashland Church, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October. 1887; Elds. J. P. Shaffer, F. H. Moss, J. F. Bledsoe, Dr. A. T. Rowe, W. D. Bulger, F. M. Handley.

74. To Central—To meet with Union Springs Church on Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, 1887; Elder J. F. Bledsoe.

75. To Tallapoosa River—To meet with Elam Church on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1887; Eld. W. A. Robertson, R. H. Browning.

76. To Rock Mills—To meet with Rocky Branch Church on Saturday before the first Monday in October. 1887; G. W. Hill.

77. To Bowen (negro)—To meet with New Hope Church on Friday before the first Sunday in Sept., 1888; W. F. Fuller, M. V. Maley, John Tison, J. M. Veazy, J. P. Barrow Elder W. C. Bledsoe.

78. The following were appointed delegates to State Convention: Elders J. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe, J. F. Bledsoe, J. P. Hunter, B. T. Smith, W. D. Bulger. S. T. Morgan, W. R. Dawson, B. H. Walker, J. G. Hill, G. W. Hill, J. P. Seroyer, W. L. Banks, J. H. Johnson, R. H. Bledsoe, W. G. Jarrell. (Meets in Talladega, Ala., July 13, 1888.)

79. The following were appointed delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Elders W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Shaffer, C. J. Burden, W. D. Bulger, C. D. Manley, R.F. Hooten. (Meets in Richmond, Va., on Wednosday before the second Sunday in May, 1888.)

80. The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

81. A motion was made and carried to reconsider the Report on Foreign Missions, for the purpose of amending, but the Association refused to amend and the report was adopted as prepared by the Chairman.

82. Elder J. P. Shaffer, calling Elder F. H. Moss to the chair, requested permission to ask of any present a contribution to assist the Dadeville Church to pay for their new house of worship. Permission was granted, and $160.75 was contributed.

83. The Moderator announced the committees to report at the session of 1888. (See fly-leaf.)

84. On motion, Elder J. P. Shaffer was appointed to preach a doctrinal sermon at 11 o'clock a. m., on Thursday of the session of 1888.

85. On motion the Secretary was allowed $25 out of the Minute Fund for his services.

86. On motion the thanks of the Association were tendered the citizens of Dadeville for their hospitality.

87. The following resolution was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the next session of this Association will be held with the Rock Spring church, Chambers county, Ala., beginning on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1888.

88. The corresponding letter was read and adopted.

89. The Association adjourned.

90. After singing a hymn, the exercises of the session were closed by prayer led by Elder J. F. Bledsoe.

JOHN P. SHAFFER, Moderator.

WM. C. BLEDSOE, Secretary and Treasurer.

To Liberty Association—To the Associations with whom she corresponds Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:—With hearts full of gratitude to the Great Head of the church, we send you salutation. We believe that the year just closed has been one of marked progress in the Master's cause within our bounds. Our churches have sent up to this session of our Association the largest amount ever contributed by us for the causes we love and foster. The spirit of Missions is growing; we feel to thank God and take courage and press forward with greater zeal for our dear Lord.

We have with pleasure received your correspondents and return to you, Brethren, from us whom we esteem worthy of a place in your councils.

JOHN P. SHAFFER, Moderator.

W. C. BLEDSOE, Clerk.

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR'S WORK.

Antioch	$ 75 00
Beulah	50 00
Bethlehem	50 00
Bethel, Lee county	15 00
Bethel, Chambers county	———
Cusseta	100 00
County Line	125 00
Camp Hill	10 00
Dadeville	100 00
Eagle Creek	———
Farmville	35 00
Fellowship	15 00
Hickory Flat	———
Lystra	15 00
Liberty	25 00
Lebanon	15 00
LaFayette	250 00
Milltown	60 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 00
Mt. Zion	100 00

New Hope	65 00
Providence	115 00
Pleasant Ridge	20 00
Roanoke	100 00
Rock Spring	50 00
Shiloh	10 00
Sandy Creek	25 00
Tallapoosa	40 00
Total	$1475 00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee report as follows:
The churches have sent up—

For Home Missions	$ 134 13
" Foreign "	398 68
" State "	703 99
" Bible and colportage work	31 50
" Ministerial education	248 15
" Aged and infirm ministers	129 60
" Evangelization of the negroes	17 00
" Cuban sunday schools	16 05
" Church extension	11 40
" Indian Missions	12 25
" Minutes	80 90
Public collection	15 15
Contribution to church extension	160 75
Total	$1959 55

We have examined your Treasurer's report and find it correct.

F. M. HANDLEY, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. H. Bedell	Roxana, Ala.
John F. Bledsoe	Camp Hill, Ala.
C. J. Burden	Roanoke, "
R. H. Bullock	Chipley, Ga.
W. C. Bledsoe	LaFayette, Ala.
John Cumbee	Hickory Flat, Ala.
H. W. Garlington	LaFayette, "
J. W. Hamner	Louisville, Ky.
J. P. Hunter	LaFayette, Ala.
T. B. Fargason	Dadeville, "
C. S. Johnson	Salem, "
F. H. Moss	Jackson's Gap, Ala.
D. S. Moon	Milltown, "
J. A. McCarthy	LaFayette, "
W. A. Robertson	Dadeville, "
John P. Shaffer	Roanoke, "
A. S. Smith	Milltown, "
H. Y. Veazy	Dadeville, "

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Ora Dawson	Camp Hill, Ala.
L. Gibson	Level Road, "
F. Kent	Louisa, "

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

J. T. Hood, LaFayette, Ala.
Geo. C. Roberts, Beulah, Ala.
F. W. Shank, West Point, Ga.
George W. Shealey, Cusseta. Ala.
I. T. Morgan, Dudleyville, Ala.
J. H. Mayne, Camp Hill, Ala.
J. H. Johnson, Dadeville, Ala.
L L Cooper, Auburn Ala.
B J Foster, Lystra, Ala.
F M Handley, Louisa, Ala.
J L Gregory, Dadeville, Ala.
N D Denson. LaFayette, Ala.
W R W Key, Buttston, Ala.
G J Sorrells, Milltown, Ala.
W R Dawson, Camp Hill, Ala.
C A Shealey, West Point, Ga.
H M Wilson, Sr. Dadeville, Ala.
G W Hill, Roanoake. Ala.
C Cook, Fredonia, Ala.
George W Newman. LaFayette, Ala.
N G Brazill, Sandy Creek, Ala.
J M Berry, Jackson's Gap, Ala.

The following churches report prayer meetings: Fellowship, Tallapoosa, Beulah, Roanoake, Militown, Mt. Pleasant, Farmville, LaFayette, Mt. Zion, Bethel, Lee, Lystra, Providence, County Line, Lebanon, Antioch, Pleasant Ridge, Dadeville.

The following churches have Sunday schools: Liberty, Tallapoosa, Fellowship, Beulah, New Hope, Roanoake, Milltown, Mt. Pleasant, Farmville, LaFayette, Rock Spring, Sandy Creek, Lystra, Providence, Bethlehem, County Line, Lebanon, Cussetta, Antioch, Pleasant Ridge, Camp Hill, Dadeville.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT SESSION OF 1888.

On State Missions.—N. D. Denson, Chairman; A. C. Bennet, H. C. Hudson, J. A. Williams, J. L. B. Barrow.

On Home Missions—Elder C. J. Burden, Chairman; M. V. Maley, J. A. Holder, G. J. Sorrells, J. R. McClain.

On Foreign Missions—Eld. C. S. Johnson, Chairman; H. M. Mickle, J. D. Norman, T. J. Gilland, J. S. Turner.

On Sunday Schools—B. H. Walker, Chairman; G. W. Newman, J. A. Shelton, W. H. Payne, J. H. Mayne.

On Bible and Colportage Work—Eld. T. B. Fargason, Chairman; J. M. Berry, M. T. McElvy, J. T. Fargason, O. P. Sanford.

On Temperance—Eld. J. F. Bledsoe, Chairman; W. C. Roeck, W. R. W. Key, J. P. Barrow, I. G. Hill.

On Education—Eld F. H. Moss, Chairman; N. R. Sorrells, J. A. Upshaw, W. G. Jarrell, R. T. Parker.

On State of Religion—G. W. Hill, Chairman W. N. Harris, W. A. Perselle, J. C. Talbot. B. T. Smith.

On Religious Literature—Joseph H. Johnson, Chairman; C. A. Shealey, M. P. Stoker, R. A. Bonds, J. P. Seroyer.

On Deceased Ministers—Geo. W. Shealey, Chairman; R. I. Howell, C. Loveless, J. M. Veazy, I. T. Morgan.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. D. Bulger, Dadeville, Ala., Chairman; John P. Shaffer, W. H. Payne, W. C. McIntosh, J. H. Johnson, R. T. Parker.

J. F. Bledsoe, Camp Hill, Alabama, Missionary and Colporter.

STATISTICS OF EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Baptised.	Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total Members.	S S Teachers.	S S Scholars.
Antioch	.....	11	..	10	2	2	1 96	7	80
Beulah	15	3	..	6	3	3	1 21	5	50
Bethlehem	.....	7	.	4	3	7	87	7	22
Bethel, Lee	.....	.....	..	....	1	2	75	....	.....
Bethel	...	5	..	2	....	1	84	....	.....
Cusseta	.....	.....	..	6	....	1	65	4	40
County Line	17	12	..	17	....	5	2 33	8	45
Camp Hill	.....	2	..	10	1	..	32	4	28
Dadeville	.....	8	..	13	2	5	1 20	8	74
Eagle Creek	9	.....	1	10	....	..	1 18	....	.....
Farmville	.....	.....	1	1	....	1	90	3	29
Fellowship	10	14	3	8	1	1	1 13	5	50
Hickory Flat	1	2	..	4	..	..	22	....	.....
Lystra	1	1	1	6	4	..	76	2	16
Liberty	2	4	1	....	....	1	75	4	85
Lebanon	.....	1	..	11	1	..	81	4	35
LaFayette	12	11	2	12	2	1	1 46	14	100
Milltown	18	3	..	15	1	1	1 63	7	60
Mt Zion	2	4	3	11	5	3	72	....	.....
Mt Pleasant	7	12	..	3	....	..	1 07	4	30
New Hope	4	4	5	8	4	..	1 39	5	52
Providence	.....	1	..	1	6	..	64	4	45
Pleasant Ridge	3	7	..	7	1	..	94	3	63
Roanoke	3	10	1	24	2	3	1 44	5	50
Rock Spring	15	10	4	4	3	5	2 20	6	72
Shiloh	1	.....		5	2	3	45	....	.....
Sandy Creek	.....	4	..	3	1	1	96	4	55
Tallapoosa	8	4	..	14	....	1	1 19	5	60
Total	1 28	1 40	22	2 15	45	47	2 997	1 18	11 41

Churches.	Counties.	Post
Antioch	Chambers	LaFayette
Beulah	Lee	Beulah, A
Bethlehem	Chambers	West Poi
Bethel	Lee	Waverly,
Bethel	Chambers	Stroud, A
Cussetta	Chambers	Cussetta,
County Line	Chambers	Dudleyvil
Camphill	Tallapoosa	Camp Hil
Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Dadeville,
Eagle Creek	Tallapoosa	Daviston,
Farmville	Lee	Auburn,
Fellowship	Tallapoosa	Buttston,
Hickory Flat	Chambers	Hickory
Lystra	Chambers	Lystra,
Liberty	Randolph	Louina,
Lebanon	Tallapoosa	Dadeville,
LaFayette,	Chambers	LaFayett
Milltown	Chambers	Milltown,
Mt Zion	Chambers	Tiller's X
Mt Pleasant	Chambers	Camp Hil
New Hope	Chambers	Fredonia,
Providence	Chambers	West Poi
Pleasant Ridge	Tallapoosa	Dadeville
Roanoke	Randolph	Roanoke,
Rock Spring	Chambers	LaFayett
Shiloah	Chambers	Milltown,
Sandy Creek	Tallapoosa	Sandy C
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EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Office.	Meeting Days.	Pastors.	Clerks.
, Ala.....	4	E F Baber.....	E B Clarke.....
la.....	1	C S Johnson.....	W M Bass.....
ıt, Ga.....	4	R H Bullock	B T Smith.....
Ala.....	2	W H Bedell.....	J J Pinnell.....
a.....	4	John Cumbee.....	R Wheeler.....
Ala.....	2	W E Lloyd	A F Stanley.....
le, Ala.....	2	J P Shaffer.....	W G Jarrell.....
l, Ala.....	1	J P Shaffer.....	J H Mayne .....
Ala.	4	J P Shaffer.....	W C McIntosh.....
Ala.....	2	J C Motley.....	W W Clarke.....
Ala.....	2	J P Hunter.....	J I Bedell.....
Ala.....	3	C J Burden.....	J M Boon.....
Flat, Ala...	3	M J Sorrells.....	O D Worthy.....
ıla,.....	4	A S Smith.....	F H Bachus. .....
ıla.....	1	A S Smith.....	J D Orr.....
Ala.....	4	J A McCarley.....	Z F East. .....
, Ala.....	2-4	W C Bledsoe... ..	G E Burnett.....
Ala.	2	A S Smith.....	G J Sorrells.....
Roads....	1	T B Fargason.....	A D Matheny.....
l, Ala.....	1	J P Shaffer.....	R H Bledsoe.....
Ala.	4	Geo. E Brewer	W F Fuller.....
ıt, Ga . ..	3	Geo. E Brewer	J B Askew.....
, Ala.....	1	W A Robertson.....	W C Rock.....
Ala	3	J P Shaffer.....	H M Mickle.....
, Ala.....	1-3	W C Bledsoe	J C Webb.....
Ala.....	4	T B Fargason.....	J R Carroll.....
eek, Ala...	1	F H Moss	Jno Sikes.....
Gap	3	D Upshaw.....	J M Berry.....
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FINANCIAL TABLE OF EAST LIBE

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Colportage Work.	Ministerial Education.	Aged and Infirm Ministers.	Evangelization of
Antioch	8 76	21 61	32 88	....	7 35	.....	.....
Beulah	.....	5 00	17 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....
Bethlehem	10 70	21 55	14 70	.....	8 00	10 05	.....
Bethel, Chambers	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Cusseta	24 92	24 98	57 50	.....	15 00	.....	.....
County Line	10 00	40 00	30 00	.....	40 00	14 70	.....
Camp Hill	.....	.....	10 00	....	.....	.....	.....
Dadeville	.....	26 00	54 30	5 00	35 00	10 00	5
Eagle Creek	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Farmville	5 70	5 80	13 50	.....	10 00	.....	.....
Fellowship	.....	5 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Hickory Flat	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	....
Lystra	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	2 00	5 00	10 00	.....	5 00	2 00	.....
Lebanon	2 00	3 00	8 00	.....	1 30	.....	.....
LaFayette	28 20	51 40	163 35	.....	25 00	32 70	.....
Milltown	5 00	17 00	17 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	.....
Mt Zion	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	....
Mt Pleasant	15 00	21 75	46 75	2 50	20 00	5 00	.....
New Hope	.....	30 00	25 00	5 00	15 00	.....	2
Providence	.....	50 00	40 00	10 00	25 00	.....	5
Pleasant Ridge	10	3 14	8 21	....	1 50	.....	....
Roanoke	.....	20 00	50 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	5
Rock Spring	5 00	15 45	21 90	.....	.....	26 15	.....
Shiloh	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy Creek	.....	5 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Tallapoosa	9 75	.....	18 85	.....	5 00	10 00	.....
Bethel, Lee	2 00	5 00	8 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	134 13	398 68	703 99	31 50	248 15	129 60	17

RTY ASSOCIATION.

the Negroes.	Cuban S. S.	Church Extension.	Indian Missions.	Minute Fund.	Amount of V'rs.	Amount of Cash.	Total Cash and Vouchers.
...	.....	.....	.....	4 65	35 95	$ 39 30	$ 75 25
...	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	30 00	30 00
...	.....	.....	....	3 00	39 10	28 90	68 00
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...	.....	.....	.....	2 50	69 75	55 15	124 90
...	.....	2 40	.....	4 10	84 50	56 70	141 20
...	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	11 50	11 50
00	5 00	.....	12 25	4 00	77 80	78 75	156 55
...	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	12 50	12 50
..	.....	.....	.....	4 45	32 00	7 45	39 45
...	.....	.....	.....	3 05	.....	23 05	23 05
...	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	10 00	11 00
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..	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	12 00	15 00	27 00
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..	.....	3 00	....	3 00	16 00	47 00	63 00
.	.....	....	.....	1 50	.....	6 50	6 50
..	.....	.....	.....	3 00	31 80	82 20	114 00
00	5 00	.....	.....	3 15	21 50	63 65	85 15
00	....	5 00	.....	3 10	34 85	103 25	138 10
.	.....	.....	.....	2 50	7 50	7 95	15 45
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...	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	6 00	6 00
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Syracuse, N. Y.
Stockton, Calif.